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## VIA MAIL

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Environmental Protection Agency
National Headquarters
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Re: FOIA Request

Dear Mr. Gottesman:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552. I ask that a copy of the following documents be provided to me:

- All documents related to President Barack Obama's presidential transition team from the time period October 21, 2008 through February 3, 2009 concerning:
  - o Daniel C. Esty, who served on the 2008 presidential transition team;
  - The Clean Air Mercury Rule;
  - o The Mercury and Air Toxics Standards;
  - o Mercury regulation, mercury and air toxics standards, and/or utility air toxics rule;
  - o Greenhouse gas regulation;
  - o Contemplated Environmental Protection Agency regulation of electricity generation; and/or

- Coal, including strategy with respect to coal regulation, any proposed or contemplated new requirements for coal-fired electric generation plants, transition away from coal-fired electricity generation, and/or retirement of coal-fired electric generation plants.
- All documents of political appointees in the Office of Air and Radiation and the Office of the Administrator, including, but not limited to, Gina McCarthy, Joe Goffman, Janet McCabe, Lisa Jackson, Lisa Heinzerling, and Robert Sussman, from the time period February 8, 2008 through December 31, 2011 concerning:
  - o The Clean Air Mercury Rule;
  - The Mercury and Air Toxics Standards;
  - Mercury regulation, mercury and air toxics standards, and/or utility air toxics rule;
  - Greenhouse gas regulation or reduction as an additional benefit or co-benefit of toxic air pollutant control; and/or
  - Coal, including strategy with respect to coal regulation, any proposed or contemplated new requirements for coal-fired electric generation plants, transition away from coal-fired electricity generation, and/or retirement of coal-fired electric generation plants.

Please note that the term "document," as used herein, refers to any kind of written, typewritten or printed material and shall include, without limitation, notes, internal or external memoranda, letters, electronic mail, log entries, reports, telegrams, spreadsheets, databases, calendar entries, records, drafts, working papers, publications or hard discs and printouts therefrom within your agency's possession, custody or control. This request includes all responsive documents in their entirety, including each attachment, enclosure, and exhibit.

We respectfully request that you produce a responsive document in its entirety, including each attachment, enclosure and exhibit. In the event your agency determines that a document contains material or information which falls within the statutory exemptions to mandatory disclosure, we ask that, in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. § 552(b), any and all reasonably segregable portions of such document be produced.

If, for any reason, your agency denies this request or withholds certain information, we ask that you (i) provide a list of the denied or withheld materials and (ii) justify these deletions and/or withholdings by referencing a specific exemption under FOIA.

For fee purposes, this is a commercial-use request. I am willing to pay fees for this request up to a maximum of \$5,000. If you estimate that the fees will exceed this limit, please contact me first. I can be contacted by telephone or e-mail if necessary to discuss any aspect of my request. If this FOIA request is misdirected, please provide the contact details of the appropriate records custodian.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (212) 849-7452. Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Maaren Shah